Opening of Medical Institutions on the pattern of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), New Delhi

1761. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received demands/representation for opening of bodies like AIIMS at New Delhi for making available modern medical facilities at reasonable costs;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction;

(c) whether Government would consider to open one of such institutes at Bhopal to meet the needs of people affected by gas tragedy; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government of Madhya Pradesh is implementing a plan for medical rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims. The Plan includes strengthening of existing hospitals, opening new hospitals and dispensaries for treatment of people affected by gas tragedy.

Panel of grade I of CSS for 1987-1988

1762. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have not brought out panel of grade I of Central Secretariat Service for 1987 and 1988;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would bring out the panel for 1987 and 1988 as per direction of the Supreme Court;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The case is subjudice as SLP is pending before the Supreme Court for decision.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. After the judgement of the Supreme Court is received.

People affected by 'cataract"

1763. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had conducted any survey to access the number of 'cataract' affected people in India during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have adopted mycroscopic operation technique in the operation of cataract in its hospitals leaving the old conventional operation method/technique;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) in what manner Government would extend this facility to district level hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) According to the Survey carried out by Indian Council of Medical Research in 1971—73, the number of blind persons including cataract affected persons in the country was estimated at 9 million. Further a country-wide survey has also been conducted during 1985—88 by Dr. R. P. Centre. The data in respect of 14 major States has since been analysed. The main causes of blindness are Cataract Trochome, Glaucame, eye referie. The number of cataract operations performed